

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-8 in the application. In previous responses, Claims 1 and 6-7 were amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the application.

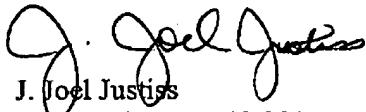
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated the C.F.R. §1.131 Affidavit filed with the previous response on December 8, 2003, did not place the application in condition for allowance because the affidavit was not signed by all of the inventors according to MPEP 715.04(A). The Applicants respectfully disagree.

The last paragraph of MPEP 715.04 states that if a joint inventor is unavailable, signatures from the remaining inventors are sufficient for the 1.131 Affidavit. In the present application, joint inventor Padma Ramesh was unavailable to provide a signature. Accordingly, the signature of the other co-inventor, Chin-Hui Lee, is sufficient for the 1.131 Affidavit. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the 1.131 Affidavit.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-8. The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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